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Previous references

69-14 Ms 78+127
63-01 Ml 1—29
3A5A 07-01 Ms 1-4

Later references

Ml 12—21 83 stay

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File No 33-15

Serial Nos 29, 31, 32, 42, 51, 52, 54, 55, 69, 70 71, 74, 75, 76, 77, 79, 86 91, 101, 104, 114, 142

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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Serial Nos 29, 31, 32, 42, 51, 52, 54, 55, 69, 71, 74-77, 79, 86, 91, 101, 104, 114, 142

Part B for Aug 16

SUBJECT

Petition from S Ramarao & others of Chamarajpet to cancel the authority given to use the land near the Mysore Road offered as a free gift by the Bullocks as a burial ground as it is too near the [illegible]

To the President the C C

No 1638 dt 29-8-16

Suggests the desirability of selecting a more suitable site for the said purpose & request to submit fresh such proposal calculated to obviate reasonable objections from all quarters

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

(Genl)

NOTES

File No 33-

FILE HEADING

Petitions from the Bangalore City

From

E Ramarao and others of Chamarajpet.

No Pet Dated 12.11.15 Received 20 11 15

Diary No 1889 Enclos - Spare Copies Serial No 29

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER

State that a piece of land measuring 200'×900' near the Mysore Road not far from the Cemetery in the Chamarajpet has been offered as a free gift by Mr. Bullappa to be used as a burial ground by the Veerasaiva Community of the City and pray for early orders cancelling the authority given [illegible] the said land as a burial ground, as new corpses are being cast almost every day

NOTES AND ORDERS

Submitted to Dewan for kind perusal before action is taken in this office

(Sd) D R N
20 11 15

2 Seen and returned for favour of action

(Sd) M V
20 11 15

Notes—First Sheet.

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"Assistant Secretary"
(Sd) D R N
20-11-15

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Br IV

May be referred to the President for early report"

(Sd) V. R. J
20 11.15

4 File containing the bye-laws regulating the disposal of the dead within the Bangalore City Municipality and also copy of the Mysore Gazette containing the notice published by the City Municipality declaring the land in question as a burial ground are put up.

5 Draft forwarding the petition to the President, Bangalore City Municipal Council for early report is submitted for approval

22 11.15 6 Issue approved
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32 7 Letter No. 37738, 25 11 15 from the President, Bangalore City Municipal Council

Forwards the petition referred to above for a very early report together with a plan of the locality in question.

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358/15 [illegible]

Bangalore
6th December 15

K. P. Puttanna Chetty

8). My dear Sir,

I send herewith, for such action as you may consider necessary to take, a telegram received to my address today from the residents of Chamarajapett praying for the stoppage of Veerabadra Setty's burial in the new Veerasaiva burial ground near Chamarajapett.

9 I understand that a report is awaited from you on a memorial submitted by the residents of Chamarajapet protesting against the formation of the burial ground, so near

these houses -

Yours sincerely

(Dewan)

6/12/15

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Issued & sub'd to Secretary
Rev. Deptt as directed

6 12 15

B. i. v. for being
placed in the
file

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Telegram dated the 6th December 1915 from Chamarajapet residents to the Dewan of Mysore.

* * *

Chamarajpet residents pray immediate orders for stppage Veerabhadra Setty's burial today in the new Veerasaiva burial ground pending decision on their memorial.

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C O P Y

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General and Revenue
Secretariat

Genl File No 38 of 1915

Serial No	
31	~~S~~ 11. Cutting from the Mysore Patriot of 16-11-15 containing an article protesting against the grant of the site in question to the Verasaiva Sect for being used as a burial ground.

p 12 A report from the President, Bangalore City Municipal Council has already been called for in Serial 32 supra. If approved, the cutting may await the President's report.

Submitted for orders

~~M~~ ~~B~~ Sub for perusal & instructions whether this cutting need be sent in contn

26 11 15

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Rev Secy
Yes in contn.

8/12/15

12. Draft
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~~S~~ Submitted with draft

4.12.15.

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42 13 Letter No 4160 of 9.12.15 to the President, Bangalore City Municipal Cl

Forwards the cutting in contn of Nl 32.

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Note—Contn sheet

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General and Revenue
Secretariat

Mul File No 33 of 1915

Serial No	
51	18 Letter No 142 d 19 12 15 from the President, Bangalore City Mul Council Submits a detailed report on the several allegations made in the petition and states that the present burial ground does not seem to contravene any of the provisions of the bye-laws regulating the disposal of the dead in the city 19 The petition received in the matter has been largely signed, Mr P S Achyuta Row being one of the signatories to it. 20 From the plan received, it will be seen that the burial ground in question seems to be nearer to some residential quarters in Chamarajpet and so, it does not seem to satisfy some of the conditions such as privacy, behind view of dwelling houses and sentimental objections laid down in bye-law No 2 (b) of the Bye-laws regulating the disposal of the dead in the city 21 If approved, the Sany Commr may be consulted U O as to the reasonableness of the complaint and the suitability of the site in question for

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Secretariat

Rel File No 33 of 1915

Serial No

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for a burial ground
Submitted for orders

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22-12-15

53 22 Cutting from the Mysore Patriot Dy Nov. 23, 1915 about the new burial ground under reference

54 23 Cutting from the Mysore Patriot D 30-11 1915 on the same subject

55 24 Do from the Mysore Patriot Dy 14 12-1915 on the same subject

25 File resubmitted for orders

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(Among the people that have protested there are some Veerasaiva residents also)

The San^{y} Com^{r} will also be consulted in G if approved, in view of so many complaints

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Rev Secy

Yes

7/1/16

26 Yes MT 7/1/16

No 120 of 15
dated 8th Jany 1916

27 Forwarded unofficially to the Sanitary Commissioner for favour of opinion

By order

Under Secy to Govt
Rev Dept

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Serial
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G O No 19, dated
12-1-1916

The location of the burial ground is open to no objection whatsoever from a purely sanitary point of view In fact, no sanitary objection could be urged were a burial ground placed in the midst of an inhabited locality, provided only that the soil was suitable and no risk existed of the resulting contamination of any source of water supply In a case like this, the sanitary consideration cannot be the only, nor even the main, consideration

2 The Mahamadan burial ground at Chamarajpet came into existence over 18 years ago, at a time when the extension was still in its formation and there was no expectation of its so rapidly growing to its present dimensions Now that houses have been allowed to come up to a most inconvenient proximity to the burial grounds it is time to think - not surely of adding one more burial ground in the neighbourhood, in closer proximity to human habitations than ever - but of actually stopping burials in the burial grounds that already exist After a careful inspection of the locality, I am of opinion that the piece of land in question ought not to be converted into a burial ground, notwithstanding the attractive terms offer~~t~~ed by the donor Not only so, but burials in the

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Serial No.

the existing Mohammedan ground should also be discontinued, - a suitable site elsewhere being allotted for a new burial ground and the site hitherto in use being walled up on all sides to ensure a decent appearance.

11-7-1916.

Sanitary Commissioner.

P. W.

Note.—[illegible]

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Serial No

29. File resubmitted with the Sanitary Commissioner's U.O. note.

30. Govt. can interfere in this case under sections 150 and 174 of the Munl. Regn. If it should be considered that such interference under Sec 150 can only be on the initiative of the Munl. Council, needful action may always be taken under Sec 174

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~~B.S.~~ 30 The matter is one ~~of~~ for the orders of Govt. Action ~~Govt~~ can be taken under Sec 174, if the Govt decide to order the closure of the Mahammadan Burial ground and ~~the~~ to revoke the Sanction given by the Munl Council for the Veerasaiva Burial ground

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Rev. Secy

31 The byelaws regarding the selection of burial grounds are contained in the papers marked Flag T

The President says this burial ground does not contravene these byelaws; but this point

NOTE—Contn sheet

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ML File No. 33 of 1915

Serial No

To Mr Scott with [illegible]
the Land Commr

D Evans

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File taken back from
~~Dewan's Office~~

4/2/16

69 Petition Regd No. 27 Ms 1785 dated ~~the~~ January 1916 from Mr Syed Abdur Rahiman and other Mahomedan residents of the Bangalore City.

Protests against the opening of a burial ground for the Lingayat Community by the side of the Mahommedan burial ground on the Mysore Road on the ground that the music and noise connected with the Lingayat burials ~~ad~~ interfere with their peaceful offering of prayers and fateha near the tombs of their departed relatives in the said burial ground

NOTE—Contn sheet

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L. F. Mis 1785-15-

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32— My dear Sir,

I am desired to forward her with, for favour of your perusal and r turn, petition dated January 1916 from Mr. Syed Abdur Rahman and other Mahomeda residents of the Bangalore City praying for the discontinuance of the newly for od burial ground for Lingayets in Cham rajpet.

31/1/16

Yours sincerely,

Secretary, Rev. Department.

Rajasabha Bhushana
Dewan Bahadur K.P.Puttanna Chetty,
Honorary President, City Municipal
Council, Bangalore.

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Bangalore

29 Feb 16

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33 My dear sir,

I have read the letter forward with your D O let of 31st Janua and return the same with than

Yours sinc

K P Puttann

V R Thyagaraja Iyer Esq

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Routine Notes

[To be used only for notes, requisitions etc, not intended for permanent record]

Govr IV

34 Here are 2 drafts for issue as regards the petition re the Dugezels burial ground. Certain details have to be filled in before issue. The drafts may be sent to me with the details filled in. The drafts were revised by the Diwan but not ~~[illegible]~~ initialled by him

2. Where is the file

The details can be filled only with the file.

2/2/16

35 The drafts may now issue

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N B —Should routine notes be written on small slips the notes must be copied or slips pasted on this form

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Mnl File No 38 of 1915

Serial No

70 36 Letter No 5683 dated the 4th Feby 1916 to the President Bangalore City Municipal Council

Forwards 3 petitions for such action as the Municipal Council may see fit to take and requests him to intimate the action so taken in the matter

71 37 Letter No 5684-6 dated the 4th Feby 1916 to Messrs. E Rama Rao, Nagaraja Rao and Syed Abdur Rahman, signatories to the said petitions

Informs them that their petitions have been forwarded to the Munl. ~~President~~ ~~and~~ Council and that any further representation they ~~make~~ may have to make may be submitted to the President of the Munl. Council in the first instance

38 File resubmitted If approved it may be returned to the Dewan's Office for submission to the Dewan

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39 May be subd to the Dewan for information if considered necessary

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40 Yes, as the drafts were initialled by the Dewan

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41 Seen by the Dewan

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74 42 Petition dated 29th Jany 1916 from the representatives of the Veerasaiva Community

Pray that the order of the Munl. Council sanctioning the opening of the burial ground may not be interfered with.

75 43 A memorandum drawn up by Mr Bullappa inviting the Mahomedans who did not object to the ~~sub~~ said burial ground to affix their signatures with the list of such signatures

76 44 Petition of Mr Bullappa on the same subject

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General and Revenue Secretariat | Enl File No. 33 of 1915

Serial No

77 45 Petition Reg. no 2366 Ed without date from the residents of Chamarajpet, Mysore Road &c stating that no inconvenience is caused to them by the new Lingayat burial ground

46 Read. Secty's order recorded on sl 74 —
To be sent to the President in continuation for report of action taken"
(Sd) V.R.I
11 2. 1916

47 Draft submitted
[illegible]
12/2/16

48 Issued
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79 49 Letter No. 5939 Dt 14 2 1916 fr the President, Bangalore City Munl. Cl.,
In continuation of serial 70, forwards serials 74 & 77.

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General and Revenue Secretariat. | Re File No. 33 of 1915.

Serial No

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Certain Mahomedans of the Bangalore

State that a few days ago Mr. Bullappa and Gajanana Basappa went to them with a petition and took their signatures to it representing to them that it referred to some religious dispute between the Brahmins and Lingayats, and that they subsequently came to know that it related to a burial ground newly opened by Bullappa, and pray that their signatures to that petition may be considered to have been withdrawn and that as the said burial ground is against their religion it may be closed

51 Submitted There are no less than 25 signatories to this petition. If the petition is genuine, the allegation is perhaps serious. Draft forwarding this petition to the Munl. President in Continuation is placed in the file.

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52 I return the main file with this: the draft may issue approved. This shd be [illegible] previous papers.

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Ml File No 33 of 1915

Serial
No

the 8th March

16 to the President Bangalore City Council

In continuation of serial 79, forwards petition Reg. No. 3122 (sl 86)

55 - File resubmitted with reference to paragraph 52 supra

M.A.S. Secy for information
9/3/16

10/3 Dewan

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56 Seen by the Dewan

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101 57 Memo No. 3551 dated the 27th March 1916 from the Private Secretary to His Highness

Forwards for disposal petition dated the 23rd March 1916 from the Mahomedan residents of the Bangalore City protesting against the opening of the new Lingayat burial ground on the Mysore road

58 Attention is invited to serial 7

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Ml File No 33 of 1915

Serial No

in the file Draft forwarding the present petition in Continuation is submitted. Now that it is nearly two months since the date of serial 70, a para requesting the Muni. President to expedite the disposal of the matter is added subject to approval

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The matter has not yet been placed before the Municipal Council: The Resolutions of the Council's latest meeting held on 4th March makes no mention about it

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61 Issued 17/4/16

Ans
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104 62 Letter No 7811 of 18 4 16 to the President Bangalore City Muni Council

In contn of Sl 91, forwards Sl 101 and requests him to expedite the disposal of the matter by the Muni Council and intimate the action taken for the infn of Govt

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General and Revenue Secretariat | Mul File No 33 of 1915

Serial No	
114	63. Letter No 3562 26 5-16 from the President, Bangalore City Muni Council submits a final report regarding the action taken by the Muni Council in disposing of the several petitions received for and against the opening of the new Lingayat burial ground in the city

64 The facts of the case are fully explained by the President in his opening address to the Muni Council at their meeting held on the 16th May 1916

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65 The Muni Council have decided to adhere to their original resolution to continue the site as a burial ground but with some slight modifications

66 Attention is invited to para 28 supra containing the U O opinion of the Sanit Commr disapproving of the site for a burial ground and suggesting the wholesale shifting of this as well as the adjoining old Mahomedan burial ground to a suitable locality elsewhere; and also to the opinion of the Rev Commr in paras

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Serial No

362-15 sl 4.

Paras 7 and 8 of his letter No. 2838 of 6th May 1916 in the linked file received from Branch I

Submitted for orders

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6 6 16 67. The present report has been submitted to Govt, for their information, in response to this office letter No. 5683 of 4th Feby. 1916

68. In view of the numerous protests and the opinions recorded by the Heads of the Revenue and the Sanitary Depts. of Govt in regard to the objectionable features involved in the matter, it is a point for consideration whether any interference on the part of Govt is called for. Section 174 of the Municipal Regulation seems to afford the requisite powers in case of need

Under this section it is for the Depts to move in the matter & make any refce. to Govt if necessary

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9 6 16. 69. The Municipal Council (in wh. all classes of the citizens are duly represented) have no serious objection to the continuance of the ground as burial ground &

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Ml File No 33 of 1915

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The Sirdar measures proposed to be taken to respect popular sentiment on the subject ought to satisfy all parties — The correspondence may be recorded & at the same time the views of the San^y Commis^r (para 28 above) may be communicated to the Muni^y for their careful consideration & guidance —

L.P.
10/6-16

Rev Secy)

70) The matter is not quite so simple as depicted in the above note.

71) The President has admitted in the letter in the file below that the provisions of Sec^n 63 & 64 of the L R Code were lost sight of; & further the San^y Com^r is opposed to the opening of this burial ground.

72) I am further doubtful

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if the byelaws are not contravened by the selection of a burial ground close to the road. & situated near dwelling houses (of sweepers)

74) There can be no doubt that by the arrangements described in the Municipal Council's Resolution, the objections of the petrs have been met to some extent

75) The Govt can overlook the irregularity committed against the L R Code & the byelaws if the petrs have no objections

MY 11/6/16

Dewan

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Subm'd to Secy

76 There was no doubt some strong feeling at the beginning against the selection of this site as a burial ground but, from what transpired at the Special meeting of the Municipal Council held on

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Serial No

16th May 1916, it is clear that the objections raised are more or less sentimental and that the conditions proposed by the Municipal Council in regard to the use of the burial ground will remove any genuine grievance which people living in the neighbourhood may have had previously

77. As regards the Revenue Commissioner's point about the levy of a fine for conversion of the agricultural land into a burial ground, Government have power under Sec. 65 of the Land Revenue Code to sanction such conversion on such terms as may be agreed upon. A draft may now be put up granting sanction to the conversion of the land on the conditions agreed to by the Municipality for its use

78 After the drafts are prepared the papers may be circulated and brought up at a meeting of the Council The orders may issue after approval of the Council and submission to His Highness

29-7 16

79. Asst. Secy. Rev.) Put up a typed draft on the lines suggested by the above

31 7 1916

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80 Submitted with draft for approval.

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81 Rev Secy)

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General and Revenue Secretariat

Genl File No 33 of 1915

Serial No

82. A typed draft disposing of the points raised by the President of the City Municipal Council & the Rev Comr is submitted for approval in Council -

1st Member & Dewan

6/8/916

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83 Questions regarding burial grounds deserve to be dealt with by govt with very great care

The Sanitary Comr. in his note of 11/1/16 has expressed himself strongly against the proposal

The Scheme involves a risk of conflict between Hindus & Mahomedans and Mahomedan objections have neither been fully considered nor disposed of. This aspect of the question of lost right of - (see memorial of Mahomedans) may lead to riot unless the two Communities agree by a written document - to have their burial grounds side by side. Para 8 of the Rev Comr's report should be read in this connection

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The so called consent has since been withdrawn

84 From all points of view there is danger in allowing the proposal to go through –

85 The Commr. may be asked to select an alternative site or may acquire if necessary – but it is the duty of the Municipality to provide

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to 816

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8.8.1916

86) 2d member & Hon'ble [illegible] member)

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87 I have just ~~listened~~ to a representation made by a deputation of Mahomedan gentlemen protesting against the action of the Mal Council. I have also reason to believe that a very strong feeling ~~exists~~ exists among the Hindu residents (other than Lingayats) against the use of the land as burial ground. Under all the circumstances I am ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] disposed to agree with the view expressed above by the First Member

12.8.16

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Serial No.

88 Submitted to the Extraordinary member

L Krishna Rao
14 8 1916 Rev Secretary

[signature] 14/8-16

89. Seen

[signature] 16 8 16

90. Genl Secy) For favour further action [signature] 16/8

[signature] 18/8-16

Recd 17.8.16.

91. The file has been circulated amongst the members of Council - The members have recorded their opinions The Petitions presented by certain Mahomedans to the Dewan & the 1st member on the 15th Aug/16 are also placed on the file -

92 In the light of the views expressed by the members & in view of the feeling that exists against the site chosen for the Lingayat burial ground, a draft on the lines suggested by the Dewan is submitted for approval The 2nd member has approved of the draft A D S N is also put up for approval

Typed Drafts put up
[signature] 23/8-16

Dewan
(through Genl Secy)

L Krishna Rao
22 8 1916 Rev Secy
23/8/1916 [signature] 23/8-16

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Submitted to His Highness.

¶ An extent of 4 acres 5¼ guntas of assessed dry land out of survey Nos 8 and 9 of Bhogenahalli village -- situated close to the old Mahomedan burial ground on the Mysore road within the Municipal limits of the Bangalore City, was made over to the City Municipality by the owner Mr Bullappa for the purpose of being -- utilised as a burial ground by the Veerasaiva community The land was accepted by the Municipal Council and was permitted to be used for the purpose in -- October 1915

2 The opening of this burial ground in such close proximity to the old Mahomedan cemetery and to the dwelling houses, was objected to both by the Hindus and the Mahomedans It was also brought to the notice of Government that the Municipal authorities had acted contrary to the provisions of Section 64 of the Land Revenue Regulation in having permitted, without proper sanction, an agricultural land to be used as a burial ground On a reference made to the Honorary President of the Municipal Council on the subject, the matter was discussed in the Municipal Council and the resolution of that body in support of the executive action previously taken was received with the President's letter No 356 dated the 26th May 1916 The restriction placed on indiscriminate burials, the -- opening of a new approach road and the erection of a compound wall seemed to provide adequate safeguards and I was in favour of over-ruling sentimental objections raised against the use of the land for a recognised public purpose at the discretion of the Municipal

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Council, seeing that in a matter of this kind it is open to Government under Section 65 of the Land Revenue Regulation to permit the use of a particular piece of assessed land for other than agricultural purposes

27 & 28 of office note

3 I have since been favoured with the views× of the Members of Council and have also had occasion to ascertain the public feeling on the subject The parties concerned do not seem to be satisfied with the arrangement proposed, and it does not seem to be expedient or proper to allow a burial ground to spring up in the place in question against popular feeling

For approval

HM

4 I accordingly agree with the Members of Council in vetoing the recommendation of the Municipal Council and request His Highness' gracious approval to the -- ×draft letter herewith submitted

M Visvesvaraya

26th Aug 1916

Record of Cases submitted for the Orde of His Highness the Maharaja

No 552
26.8.16

Subject

93. Question of utilizing as a burial ground by the Veerasaiva community, of -- certain land on the Mysore road within the Municipal limits of the Bangalore City, made over by the owner Mr.Bullappa for the purpose.

Order

94). ~~KRW~~
28/8/16

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95 Secretary C.D.

29.8.16

96) Asst. Secy) Please get the fair copy typed today for some having my signature & then circulate to members —
29/8/16

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Ml File No 83 of 1915.

Serial No	
142	97. D.O. letter No 16389 29.8.16 to the President, Bangalore City Municipal Council, informs him that the site in question appears to be unsuited for purpose of burial in view of its close proximity to the old Mahomedan Cemetery and to residential quarters and sites allotted for building purposes, and requests him therefore to select another more suitable site and submit fresh proposals calculated to obviate reasonable objections from all quarters and to meet the wishes of the parties interested.
	98. The linked file dealing with the conversion of the land into a burial ground may be returned to Br I for further action, if any. Further a copy of the D.O. orders is- sued to the Municipal President - Subd for orders 30/8/16

~~The~~ D.O. is complied yet
Keep this until Br I ~~Calls~~ for it until the is finally posed of
30/8/16

yes D.O. may be sent to Br I for favour of disposal if approved
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Rev Secretary)
This may be sent to Branch I a note being made on the connected file in Branch II
2/12/16

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Name of Petitioner E. Ramaswamy & other residents of Chamarajpet

Date of Petition 12. 11. 15

States that a piece of la
measuring 200' x 90' near the Mysore Road not far from ho
in the Chamarajpet has been offered as a free gift by Mr.
Puttappa to be used as a bur
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does not satisfy the conditio
contained in the bye-laws for regulating the disposal of the dead within the limits of the Bangalore City Municipality and pray that early orders may be issu
cancelling the authority giv
to use the land as a burial ground, as new corpses ar
being interred almost every d

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BURIAL GROUNDS

The latest Bye Laws regulating the disposal of the dead within our City Municipal limits, were promulgated on the 1st September 1915 They are perfectly clear and were sanctioned by Government in their Proceedings No 1135 Ml 69 14 27 dated the 9th August 1915 Highly inconsistent with the conditions of these Bye Laws a site has been given to the Veerasiva sect, within the municipal limits and adjoining the Mysore road and close to the inhabited places of Chamarajpet Two corpses have already been buried in that site and a good deal of secret murmar is prevailing amongst the people living in that portion and the passers by on the Mysore road. This road is one of the most important roads in the City and in the near future when the City improvement comes on is said to become the most important On this road H H the Maharaja and the royal family and people going and coming from Mysore frequently go in their motors and if any day it so coincides our Maharaja can himself witness from his motor the burial of a corpse because the site is not far from the high road Unfortunately the Hon President of our Municipality and the Vice-President are both Lingayets and the giver of the land for the purposes of burial is also a Lingayet, and so this has given a handle for some people to comment adversely on the gift and acceptance of the site by the Municipality I beg to draw the attention of the readers of the Mysore Patriot to page 1772 dated 2 9 15 of the Mysore Gazette Part II in which the Proceedings of the City Municipality held on the 31 July 1915 have been published In these days neither a Government nor a Municipal Corporation can afford to give the slightest room for any body to think or feel that a particular race or sect is shewn any special consideration Justice and fairplay are the two ingredients which must govern all acts and measures of Government and Municipalities It is only these which will help to develop patriotism

Subd If approved this may be sent to BWW

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SUBJECT Protest against the use of certain land on the Mysore Road, Bangalore City, as a burial ground :

Diary No of letter replied to 1888

Section ml
File No 33-15
Serial No 32

General and Revenue Secretariat
(Munl)
the 191

No 3793
ml 33-15-32
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Date of issue 25 11 15

Signed by for A P Ramanathan

To
The President,
Bangalore City Munl Council

Sir,

I am directed to forward for favor of ~~[illegible]~~ a very early ~~together with any~~ report, a petition regd No 1888 dated the 12th Novr 1915 from Messrs E. Rama Rao, P. S Achyuta Rao and other residents of Chamarajpet, Bangal

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city protesting against the use
of a certain land on the
Mysore Road not far from
the houses in the Chamarajpet
as a burial ground by the
Veerasaiva Community of the
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SUBJECT Cutting from the Mysore Patriot of 16-11-15 re protest against the assignment of site in the Mysore Road, Bangalore City as a burial ground.

Diary No of letter replied to L F No 1099

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Serial No 42

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Genl

No 4160

Genl 33-15-42

9.12.15

Date of issue 9.12.15

Signed by M A K Ramanathan

To

The President,

Bangalore City Municipal Council

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter No 3793/Genl 33-15-32 dated the 25th November 1915, I am directed to forward a cutting from the Mysore Patriot dated the 16th Nov 1915 containing an article protesting against the grant

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of a site on the [illegible] Road and close to the inhabited places of Chamarajpet for being used as a Burial Ground by the Veerasaiva Sect Community of the Bangalore City

~~2. I am to request you to be so good as to expedite the submission of the report called for on the matter.~~

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THE MYSORE PATRIOT, NOVEMBER, 23, 1915.

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✓ VEERASAIVA BURIAL GROUND AFFAIRS.

Further development in this matter is that a memorial signed by a large number of residents of Chamarajapet was submitted to the Dewan yesterday As in that vicenity some Mahamadans houses have sprung up, it is said the Mahomedan are also taking part I am afraid the matter will resume undue importance, if not nipped in the bud, by stopping further burials there till the Government pass orders after inspection ✓

Rd 33-15-52.

Submitted. May this be sent to Rev IV?

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THE MYSORE PATRIOT, NOVEMBER, 30, 1915.

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A NEW BURIAL GROUND FOR THE VEERASAIVA COMMUNITY IN BANGALORE

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To the Editor Mysore Patriot

Sir,—The discontent among the residents of Chamarajpet about the creation of the above burial ground, about which there appeared a few lines in your columns, has been spreading like wild fibre and it seems more serious complications will arise out of this

Certain class of people justify the action of the Municipal Council on the ground that there already exists a Mahomedan Cemetry to the West of this new burial ground, but it should be well understood that this Mahomedan Cemetry was opened more than 15 years ago when this extension had not extended as far as the Mysore Road Ookad and when it was not so thickly populated It may be argued, in this connection that there are many old Mahomedan and Christian Cemetries in the central part of the city and will it see acceptable according to the Municipal Bye law of 1st September 1915 to newly create burial grounds by the side of these cemetries, if the Municipality gets a plot of ground for nothing? This reasoning is not therefore a proper one for newly opening a burial ground into a town which is daily growing in importance and over which the Government intend to spend a considerable amount of money for beautifying it The Municipality has also been forming every kind of Sub Committees to work out a scheme for the improvement of the Town, but it is most regrettable to see that it has taken a retrograde step in creating a burial ground in a crowded part of the city—a most objectionable and ominous step towards the projected improvement

Our Honorary President, who put in exceptionally a long period of public service would know well the whims and religious notions of the different communities of this state, but we are sorry to see that he has been mis directed in giving his assent to create a burial ground very near to a locality in which, Mahomedan labourers and also a large number of Brahmans reside, and has made them to witness the horrible scene of wailing and crying of the bereaved persons who come to bury their dead in this new burial ground in front of their house

More than all, the Municipal Council in opening this burial ground, have not only acted against the Bye law which they themselves passed a *month* back but have proved themselves to be most unrepresentative,

It is therefore, earnestly requested that the *Dewan and the Honorary President will personally* visit the spot and pass an early order on the memorial submitted by the residents to remove this burial ground either to a different far'of place or further *West of the existing Mahomedan Cemetry*

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THE MYSORE PATRIOT, DECEMBER, 14, 1915.

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A NEW VEERASAIVA BURIAL GROUND IN BANGALORE

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Sir —

Kindly allow me to summarise in a few lines the chief objections of the residents of Chamarajpet to the creation of this new Veerasaiva Burial Ground amidst the residence of a large part of the inhabitants of this extension

(1) This is the first and the oldest of all the extensions in Bangalore capable of being extended further to the west and to the north

(2) This extension is named after our beloved Maharaja s father Chamarajendra Wadayar and to locate a burial ground amidst the closely inhabited part of it is most inappropriate

(3) Instead of opening burial grounds far away from the town, as is customary everywhere, this particular one is brought into the town

(4) This burial ground has been located just by the side of a thorough fare through which His Highness and his party frequently travel and the graves in it are clearly seen from a radius of more than a furlong

(5) This is very close to the residence of the high class Hindus not to say anything about the Mahamadan quarter which is not even 150 feet from the boundary line of this new burial ground

(6) Considering this distance it is most objectionable from a sanitary point of view and we do not know how our health officer could have recommended it as best suited for the purpose

(7) A Mahamadan cemetry to the west opened 17 years back when this extension had not extended to its present limits, cannot be a sufficient reason to create a burial ground in a town

(8) This new burial ground does not answer all the conditions laid down in the Bye law passed on 1st September 1915 by the Municipal Council

(9) When burial grounds in other extensions of the city are located far from the habitations of the people, what prompted the municipal authorities to adopt a novel procedure with regard to this? Perhaps because the land was offered for nothing by a rich Lingayat gentleman

(10) Though the location of burial grounds among their residence may not be considered objectionable by the Veerasaiva people who can be counted on our fingures in this extension, it is looked upon as ominous by the other Hindus and especially by Brahmins who form the bulk of the inhabitants here

Since the putting up of a wall in front of thi plot of ground or taking any other soothing step will in no way minimise the grievances of the memorialists, the Honorary President will lose no time in removing this burial ground once for all to a distant place lest he should lose the popularity which he gained during his life as a public servant of a high rank and leave this as a lasting disrepute during his honorary service as the President of this model municipality in a Model State

We earnestly hope that our popular Dewan will, with a high hand, denounce the action of the Municipality and give no chance of fostering any sectarian prejudices by the high and responsible officers of the State

A MEMORIALIST

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ranappa and Venkoba Rao who were ardent Co-operators of this District and convey its condolence to the bereaved families

(6) That every Society in the District take shares in the Provincial Co-operative Bank deposit its Reserve Funds there and obtain a cash credit and a loan according to its needs

It was announced at the close of the Conference that 92 shares of the Provincial Co-operative had been taken up by about 80 gentlemen and deposits were also promised to the extent Rs 5 000

With the usual vote of thanks to the chair and to Their Highnesses the Maharaja and Yuvaraja of Mysore the Conference closed its sittings

Correspondence.

The Editor does not hold himself responsible for the opinions of the correspondents

A VEERASAIVA BURIAL GROUND

On a reference by the Government on the memorial submitted by the leading citizens of Chamarajpet extension in Bangalore protesting against the action of the municipality in having created a new burial ground for the Veerasaiva people the city *council seem to have been engaged in drawing out* an elaborate plan showing the distance between the new burial ground and the inhabited quarters of *the residents of the western most part of this* extension Before the report of the Municipality reaches the hands of the Government I may request you to publish the following lines in your journal for the benefit of the reading public and also to enable the Government to form a right view of the case

In the year 1898 when there was severe plague in Bangalore in order to prevent burying the plague corpses in the old burial grounds situated in the heart of both the newly extended Chamarajpet, the Plague Commissioner shifted the Mahomedan and Christian Cemeteries to their existing localities, one such buildings When a year or two back the desciples of the late Kudli Matt Swami desired to inter his body in the matt premises in the V road and erect a temple on the tomb, the municipal authorities strongly objected to the action It is a *wonder how the same Municipal Councillors now* gave their assent to this proposition

Is it an argument on the part of the Municipality *if they justify their action on the* ground *that* the land was offered for nothing by a private gentleman with a promise to convert this burial ground into a second Lal Bagh in Bangalore We all perfectly know how far the Municipality was able to make this same gentleman fulfil his promise of constructing a school building etc for which he has been *in* full enjoyment of some beautiful sites in Chamarajpet

If the munic quiring lands for new bur its attention to the thousands of r ued to its revenues by the tact and skill ur Honry President from the sale proceeds of sites in the new Sunkenahalli extension

We earnestly hope that our Dewan Saheb with the opinion of the Sanitary Commissioner if necessary, will order for the immediate removal of this burial ground to a far off place Presidents are not wanting for this action on the part of the Dewan as we know that a plot of ground in Mallaswaram f ground w at the and the action of the Plague Commissioner referred to above may also be cited as one of the instances in which for the safety of the people and the sanitation of the town a removal of a burial ground was effected We therefore request the Dewan will not go against the feelings of the people amongst whom his action of the Municipality has created great sorrow and sensation

A PUBLICAN

THE MYSORE P 6 THI

the evening of the 5th instant Mr K Chandy B A Deputy Commissioner and *Vice President* of the League, presided on the occasion

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THE AMATEUR DRAMATIC ASSOCIATION —Under the distinguished patronage of the Hon ble Col Sir Hugh Daly K C I E the above Association will place on the boards the well known Drama Othello at 6 30 p m, on the 13th inst. in the Bowring Institute Bangalore. As the proceeds of the performance will be made over to the *Mysore Imperial Service Lancers War Fund* it is hoped that the public will liberally patronise the undertaking

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A SPLENDID INSTANCE OF LOYALTY —Mr B Krishna Sing, Amildar, Malur Taluk, offered one eighth of his salary per mensem towards the Imperial Service Lancers Fund H H the Yuvaraj has accepted the offer with thanks and has intimated to the Amildar through His Highness s Personal Assistant that if any members of Mr Krishna Sing s family are willing to enlist themselves in the Mysore Army they will be most welcome

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The Dharmaprachar.—The 1915 December issue of this journal contains a number of very useful articles. The most important of them are:—The Hindu Orthodoxy's New Tendencies, Female Education, Hindu Marriage and its Ideals, The Sri Bharata Dharma Mahamandala, Resolutions against Child and Widow Marriages, Social History of India, Crusade against caste, Social Legislation, Remarkable Hindu Marriage, An Intercaste Wedding.

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Kotiotsavam in a Bangalore Temple.—The Kotar utsavam in the Temple of Sri Venu Gopalakrishna swamy Malleswaram Bangalore has been going on with great splendour since the 4th instant. The final *Utsavam* comes off on the 17th instant and will be celebrated by Sir M Visvesvarayya Dewan of Mysore. At the end of each day's service special prayers will be offered for the successful termination of the present war and the prosperity of the British Empire.

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Mahila Seva Samaj.—Under the auspices of the above Society Srimathi Parvathi Ammal (Mrs K S Chandrasekhara Aiyar) will deliver a series of lectures in Kanarese on the days and on the subjects mentioned below at 4 p m each day in the hall of the Theosophical Society Bangalore City Lodge:—12th January Impressions of Poona and Bombay. 13th January The work of the Seva Sadan Society in Poona and Bombay. 14th January:—Women's service to the Motherland.

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Grand Exhibition of Arts Science and Industries.—Under the distinguished patronage of H H the Maharaja of Mysore there will be a Grand Exhibition of Arts Science and Industries together with Cavalry Feats Infantry Display and Military Sports in aid of the Mysore Imperial Service Lancers War Fund in the Central College Compound Bangalore on the 14th 15th and 16th instant from
to 9 p m. Prices of admission are Rs 2
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[illegible] **State.**—It is really very commendable [illegible] Government have passed orders requiring all Heads of Departments to set apart two hours every week from [illegible] to [illegible] p m on Thursdays for the purpose of receiving visitors and hearing their representations. A correspondent writes to us stating that several officers have no fixed office hours at all and suggesting that in the interests of efficiency and convenience to the public it is desirable that all officers should be insisted upon holding their offices from 11 a m to 5 p m every day. We trust Government will take necessary steps to carry out this salutary suggestion.

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The annual Xmas tre[illegible]
employees at Mysore came off on the 30th [illegible]
A very pleasing feature of this function was t[illegible]
interest evinced in it by the citizens of the [illegible] a large number of whom took part in it. The premises of the Railway Institute were tastefully decorated with flags and [illegible] which a merry go-round was kept busy throughout [illegible] and sports were arranged for boys and girls [illegible] and Mr A Ramanna Alvar ate [illegible] gave away prizes to the winners in the sports. After the sports the [illegible] guests who were present [illegible] with the children were treated to an [illegible] fruit and tea the catering

[illegible] December 1915, I was struck by the [illegible] star twice the size of the others. What struck me was the peculiarity of the formation of the [illegible] at the bottom one point was missing and a greyish halo round it. I stood for some minutes gazing at it to make sure of the above.

I sought for it again, but it didn't appear till last Saturday 1st January the same brilliancy, point missing but no halo. Will any of your readers inform me what it is and what it augurs, as no one else seems to have observed it.

(Sd.) M. B. H.

THE SRINIVASA MANDIRAM, BANGALORE CITY

LADIES' SECTION

An abstract account of the subscriptions collected and proceeds realized at the Fancy Sale held in aid of THE MYSORE IMPERIAL SERVICE LANCERS WAR FUND (BANGALORE)

ABSTRACT

Receipts—

1	By Subscriptions collected through different Agencies		
	(a) The Secretary S Mandiram	Rs	61-0-0
	(b) Mrs R May		27-5-0
	(c) Sow Gangabai		20-0-0
	Total Subscriptions	,,	108-5-0
2	By commission or discount generously given by different Firms and Stall holders at the Fancy Sale		132-10-0
3	By sale of tickets of admission	,,	21-1-0
4	By sale of Indian Condiments prepared and sent by the President and the Secretary		15-8-0
5	By Lucky Dips		9-6-6
	Total Receipts	,,	286-14-6

Expenditure—

To Cart hire for going about for collection		8-9-0
Stall arrangements and fixtures		14-8-0
Advertisement in the *Daily Post*	,,	5-0-0
Printing charges	,,	7-0-0
Decorations	,,	1-4-0
Tickets		1-8-0
Miscellaneous charges and sundries—		
Toys purchased for Lucky Dip	,,	5-7-0
Fancy brass articles for sale		3-[illegible]-0
Crincle papers in colors for making fancy baskets	,,	1-2-0
Woolen caps and socks		20-14-0
Wool purchased to make comforters		12-8-0
Total expenditure		91-[illegible]
Balance sent for the benefit of the War Fund in cash		195-10-0
in kind		[illegible]3-6-0
Total		2[illegible]-0-0

The President and Secretary beg to thank Mrs May and Sow Gangabayamma for the help they have rendered. Also they thank all the lady subscribers, ladies in charge of the Stalls, Proprietors of Firms and other gentlemen, who have helped the sale with [illegible] [illegible]

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and said that the Conference was
his valuable advice and guidance
He expressed the gratitude of all
Mrs Wetherall for having graced
their presence

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Commissioner took the chair and
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MISSIONER'S OPENING SPEECH

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Mr A V Ramanathan

To

The President

Bangalore City ML Council

Sir

I am directed to forward herewith the marginally noted petitions regarding the opening of a burial Ground for the Veerasaiva Community in Chamarajpet for such ~~consideration~~ action as the ML Council may ~~deem~~ see fit ~~to~~ take

The action taken may kindly be intimated for the inform^n of Govt

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'To your letter

Petition Regd No 1888 Dt 12 11 15 from Mr E Rama Rao and others of Chamarajpet (Received back with the President's letter No 142 Dt 19 12 1915)

do Regd No 2445 Dt 7 1 1915 from Nagaraja Rao and others of Chamarajapet

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To

Sir M. Visvesvaraya. Esq., B.A., K. C. I E.,

Dewan of Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to our memorial to His Highness the Maharaja praying for favourable orders in the matter of the newly created Lingayet burial ground near Chamarajpet, Bangalore City, we beg to approach you with the following further representation

The above memorial was very kindly referred to the Honorary President, Bangalore City Municipal Council for report. The President, we beg to state has not in any way been able to redress our grievance beyond what is implied in his report to Government based on the Municipal Resolution that a wall to a height of 8 feet be raised on both sides to serve as a screen both to the adjacent houses and to the Mahomedan burial ground

This step of the Municipal Council is in consonance of their original intention of having a burial ground in the most objectional place from a sanitary point of view as well as religious and does not in the least help to redress the grievances put forth by the Mahomedans and Brahmin communities.

It is not a matter for little surprise to us to see that the procedure adopted by the President though objected to by such responsible officers of the State as the Revenue Commissioner and Sanitary Commissioner, the President and his Council still a show no sign of modifying their original ideas of providing a burial ground for Lingayets particularly in the spot under objection when it is quite possible to find a suitable place free from all objections elsewhere in the City limits

We are venturing to put forth this protest lest Government

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would be carried away by the Resolution of the Municipal Council and trust that justice will be done to the petitioners.

We beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servants,

Dated Bangalore
the 18th August 1916.

(Signed)

B. Abdul Aziz Khan

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To

A. R. Banerji, Esq., M.A., I. C. S., C. I. E.,

~~First~~ Member of Council, BANGALORE.

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FICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
BANGALORE CITY, DATED 19. 12. 1915

FROM

DEWAN BAHADUR RAJA SABHA BHUSHANA
K P PUTTANNA CHETTY, ESQ,
Honorary President, Municipal Council,
Bangalore City

To

The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
~~*General and*~~ *Revenue Departments,*
Bangalore

SIR,

With reference to your letter No.3793/Ml.33-15-32 dated 25th November 1915, forwarding for report a petition from certain residents of Chamarajapet, protesting against the situation of the newly opened burial ground on the east of the existing Mohammadan burial ground and on the north of the Mysore Road, I have the honor to submit the following report.

2. The Kondal Mutt burial ground, near the Lal Bagh, has been used by the Veerasaiva Community of the City for many years past. The ground is choked up with burials and the need for a new burial ground has been felt for some time.

3. A largely signed petition from the members of the - - Veerasaiva Community of the City, stating the facts in para 2 supra and praying that the piece of land adjoining the Mohammadan burial ground north of the Mysore Road may be converted into a burial - - ground for their Community, was received in the Municipal Office on the 11th May 1915. Mr. Bullappa to whom the land belonged offered

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From The Honorary President
Municipal Council
Bangalore city

To The Secretary to the Govern-
ment of Mysore. Revenue
Department
Bangalore

Dated 19th } December 1915
Despatched 20 }
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General No 142
No
Enclosure No 6

Submitting a report o
the petition of Messrs E R
P S Achuta Rao and oth
residents of Chamarajp
protesting against the use
the land offered by M
Bullappa as a buria
ground by the Veerasa
Community of the city

not only to make a free gift of the land, but to lay it out and equ it on the lines of a modern cemetery with well kept lawns, flower beds, avenues, paths, compound wall, rest house etc., which would be a model burial ground for Hindus. The soil of the site was -- suitable for a burial ground; there was no source of drinking water-supply liable to become polluted either from surface or sub soil -- drainage of the land; extensive open spaces intervened between the proposed burial ground and populous localities. There was no - - question of the site coming to be utilised for house building as it was bounded on two sides by burial grounds in active use, so that, if the land could be used for any communal purpose of a City, it seemed well suited for a burial ground. The Health Officer and Messrs. H. Ramiah and B. Hanumappa, the Municipal Councillors of Chamarajapet Division, inspected the locality on the 24th June 1915 and saw no objection to recommend the conversion of the area into a burial ground. The question was discussed in the Meeting of the Municipal Council on 31st July 1915 and in accordance with their resolution, a Notification was published on the 8th Octr 1915 in the Mysore Gazette and the local -- Press - the Daily Post and the Vakkaligara Patrika. Copies of the Resolution and Notification are herewith forwarded.

4. The petition now under the consideration of Government alleges (a) that a very desirable neighbourhood for City Extension will be wasted on a burial ground, (b) that it is opposed to sanitary requirements and (c) that it is likely to be objectionable from the sentimental point of view to the residents of Chamarajapet and the passers-by along the Mysore Road.

(a) I have already indicated how the utilisation of the land for the purposes enumerated in the petition could only be of the -- remotest possibility. An Extension of the City in this direction is not possible nor will it ever be probable.

(b) The manner in which the measure is considered objectionable from the sanitary point of view is not detailed by the petitioners though they could easily have expatiated on the subject if any such circumstances had really existed. The Municipal Council did

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not think that any sanitary objection could be urged.

(c) With regard to the sentimental objection of proximity, visibility etc., a reference to the plan enclosed shows that the site is not more prominently overlooking the very few habitations along the western margin of Chamarajendrapet Extension, than other burial or burning grounds now in active use in this neighbourhood. To meet any possible objections on this score, however, a compound wall along the southern boundary of the proposed burial ground leaving a Road margin of 35 feet has been already completed, and Mr. Bullappa has recently applied for permission to build another high wall along the entire breadth of the site, and a verandah and watchman's quarters placing them 200 feet from the compound wall on the Road side. The 200 feet of space will be laid out and maintained as a garden and no burials will be permitted in this space. Steps are being taken to plant belts of trees to screen the area from public view. As an additional precaution, an agreement in writing has recently been taken from Mr. Bullappa to insist on burials commencing from the farthermost or northern end which is 900 feet distant from the road-side, pending the growth of avenues and plants within the area. About the middle of the site a low ridge running East to West effectively screens off the burials that may take place commencing from the northern end for a considerable time to come.

5. I may mention in this connection that it was during my incumbency as Deputy Commissioner and President of the Municipality that the old Mohammadan burial ground on the Mysore Road was closed and the new one opened, against considerable opposition on the part of the Mohammadan Community and at great expense to Government There are proposals pending before the Municipal Council for openi new burial grounds in other parts of the City involving large expe ture of Municipal funds. It may be noted therefore that the prese case is the first occasion on which a Community has come forward t help itself with a model burial ground without being a drain on Municipal funds.

6. The present burial ground does not seem to contravene any of the provisions of the new bye-laws regulating the disposal

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the dead, copy of which is enclosed.

7 Under these circumstances, I beg to say that the petitioners have no justifiable grounds for dissatisfaction with the action of the Municipal Council. The petition under report as well as the press cutting which throws no additional light on the subject save indulging in some remarks of a personal nature, forwarded with your letter No.4160/Ml.33-15-42 dated the 9th December 1915, are -- herewith resubmitted along with the plan called for.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Honorary President.

BANGALORE CITY MUNICIPALITY

Notice dated 1st September 1915

The following Bye-laws for regulating the disposal of the dead within the Municipal limits of the City of Bangalore, sanctioned by Government in their Proceedings No 1155—MI 69-14-27, dated the 9th August 1915, are published for general information They come into force from the date of the publication of this notice —

Bye-laws regulating the disposal of the dead in the City of Bangalore framed under Section 48 (*i*) (*b*) of the Mysore Municipal Regulation, VII of 1906

(1) Except the Municipal burial and burning grounds mentioned beneath, no place shall be used for the purpose of burying or burning the dead unless registered as a place for such, in the office of the Municipal Council All applications shall be as per appended Schedule A, unless the place has been in actual use, when these bye laws come into force—

1 Sunnakal tank burial and burning ground
2 Mysore road—
  (*a*) Hindu burial ground
  (*b*) Mahomedan burial ground
  (*c*) Christian burial ground
3 Kempambudi burial and burning ground
4 Hanumanthapur burial and burning ground
5 Channammanakere burial and burning ground
6 Agrahara burial ground
7 Malleswaram burial and burning ground
8 Guttahalli burial and burning ground
9 Munireddipalya burial and burning ground

(2) No place shall be used as a burial or burning ground unless it

(*a*) is one mile distant from the edge of any sheet of water used for drinking purposes and 2 furlongs distant from a sheet or water used for any other than funeral purposes,

(*b*) satisfies all reasonable conditions with regard to privacy, accessibility by roads, behind view of dwelling houses or of roads with considerable thoroughfare, and satisfies all reasonable demands dictated by decency, sentiment or popular superstition,

(*c*) is above flood level with the level of the sub soil water at a maximum height of 10 feet from the ground,

(*d*) has good drainage and is free of rocky strata close to the ground level,

(*e*) is free of rank vegetation and of pits and holes where water may stagnate, and has an enclosing wire fencing or compound wall

(3) The owner of every private burial or burning ground shall

(*a*) keep such ground in such state of good order and repair as the President may from time to time direct,

(*b*) keep the President informed, regarding the attendants employed at and the changes in the management of each such ground under his control, within a month next after each alteration

(*c*) conform to such executive orders of the President as may be issued regarding the distance between the length, breadh and depth of graves, the number and width of paths within such ground, the limits of areas allotted for each sect, caste, religion or race and the special method of disposal, if any, of those dead of infectious or epidemic disease,

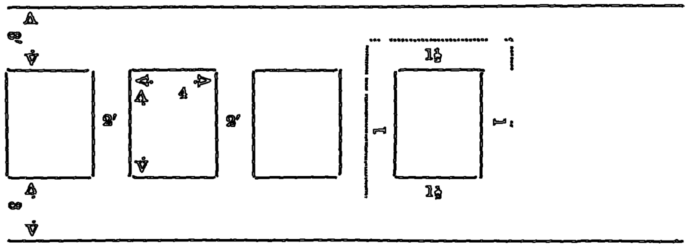
(*d*) intimate to the President, in writing, of all burials and burnings within 24 hours next after each such event together with such particulars as may from time to time be prescribed by the Municipal Council

(4) No person shall burn or bury the dead in any place not registered for such purpose in the office of the Municipal Council

(5) Every person desirous of disposing of the dead shall, after furnishing all such details of information pertaining to each death as may be required by the watchman of the burial or burning ground, conform himself to all lawful directions that may be issued by that official, regarding the place and manner in which the said disposal can be effected

[Executive order of the President —

The lair for each grave shall be 6′×4′ with a space of 1½′ at either end to form a path of 3′ and there shall be a space of 2′ between any two graves thus —



During the digging, 1′ on either side and 1½′ at either end would be included as shown by the dotted lines but the average maximum space occupied by a body would be as shown in black lines enclosing a rectangle of 6′×4′ The ground watchman shall maintain a register showing the number of lairs available at each ground and the lair due to be used next after any particular burial has occurred]

(6) No grave shall be constructed except in a line with the latest in the area reserved to the community and shall after completion leave a space of 2′ by the side and 3′ at the ends, between the adjoining ones

(7) No corpse shall be buried so that the upper surface of the uppermost body is at a less depth than 6′ from ground level

(8) No grave shall be used for the burying of more than one body except in the case of more than one person of the same family being buried simultaneously

(9) No grave shall be disturbed except under the written sanction of the Municipal Council or that of a competent court of law

(10) Whoever brings or conveys or causes to be brought or conveyed a corpse to any burial or burning ground, shall cause the same to be buried or burnt within 12 hours next after its arrival at such ground

(11) It shall be the duty of every person who disposes of the body by burning, to ensure that the same has been reduced to ashes, within the period of time specified above

(12) No person shall put up, build, erect or cause to be put up, built or erected any cross, stone monument, tombstone, shrine, building or enclosure whether of wood, bricks, stone or any other material, in any public burial or burning ground, without the written sanction of the President After approval, a fee of Rs 10 will be payable for putting up a simple cross or stone and Rs 5 per square foot for the erection of any other structure above mentioned

(13) No person shall carry on the trade of a Vettyan or Grave digger in any burial or burning ground without procuring a license in writing from the President

(*a*) License will be granted free on applicant binding himself to conform to the terms of the bye laws, on proof being adduced towards applicant having a hereditary claim on the appointment, and towards the full number of such men working in any particular ground not being filled up

(*b*) License may be suspended or cancelled for absence when needed, neglect of duty, infringement of the above bye laws, attempts at extorting higher rates than those mentioned beneath or any other circumstances that in the opinion of the President demands such cancellation in public interest

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For burial of a corpse of or under 12 years of age	8
For burial of a corpse above that age	12

(14) Whoever infringes any of the provisions of these bye laws shall be punished with a fine not exceeding Rs 200 and Municipal Council may, by written notice, direct that such action or such steps should be taken as may be necessary for the completion of any act enjoined in the above bye laws

Schedule A —Referred to in the Bye-law No (1)

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Name of owner of the burial or burning ground	Situation		Extent of the land		Boundaries				Race, caste religion etc of those for whom the land is meant	Number of bodies for whom there is provision	Name of attendant
	Village	Survey No	Acres	Guntas	North	South	East	West			

K P Puttanna Chetty,
Honorary President,

Price 6 pies.

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Ex to Mul 33-15-51

Bangalore City Municipality.

Notice dated 8th October 1915.

It is hereby declared for the information of the public that the ground mentioned below is recognised and registered in the Municipal Office, Bangalore City, as a place for the burial of the dead bodies of persons of the Veerasaiva Community, under para (i) of the Bye-laws regulating the disposal of the dead in the City of Bangalore framed under section 48 (i) h of the Mysore -- Municipal Regulation, VII of 1906.

Sd. K.P. Puttanna Chetty,
Honorary President

Description of the land.

Boundaries

East - Mr. Bullappa's own land
West - Mohammadan Burial ground
North - Abandoned Hindu Burial ground
South - Mysore Road.

Dimensions

Length - North to South 900 feet   Breadth - East to West 200 ft

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K.P. Puttanna Chetty
Honorary President.

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Proceedings of an Ordinary General Meeting of the City Municipal Council, Bangalore, held at the Office Premises at 7-30 A.M., on Saturday the 31st July 1915.

Ene to Mul 33-1-15.

Present.

Dewan Bahadur Raja Sabha Bhushana K.P. Puttanna Chetty Esquire, Honorary President.

D. Ramavaradhya Esqr, B.A.,B.L., Vice President.

K. Subba Rao Esqr, M.B.C.M.,L.S.Sc., Health Officer.

The Amildar, Bangalore Taluk.

Rev. D.A. Rees.

C.V. Narasimhaiengar Esqr, B.A.B.L.,

D.D. Ramachandra Mudaliar Esqr.,

C. Nagappa Esqr.,

B. Chinnaswami Chetty Esqr.,

D.K. Garuda Char Esqr.,

S.N. Subba Rao Esqr.,

B. Ramachandrappa Esqr.,

G. Siddaveerappa Esqr.,

B.V. Ramaswami Chetty Esqr B.A.,

B. Usman Khan Esqr.,

M. Subbaiya Esqr, B.A.,

S. Abdur Rahman Esqr, B.A.,

H. Ramaiya Esqr,

D. Venkataramaiya Esqr, B.A.,

S. Venkatarangaiengar Esqr

Absent.

The Executive Engineer, Bangalore Division.,

D. Adeppa Esqr.,

B. Hanumappa Esqr.,

S. Ramachandraswami Esqr, B.A.,

Petition from some of the leading residents of the Bangalore City, belonging to Veerasaiva Community urging the necessity for providing a new burial ground for the use of the people of the Saiva Community on the ground that the existing ones are filled up, and praying for permission to make use of a piece of land belonging to Mr. Bullappa on the Mysore Road which he offers as a free gift, for the purpose of a burial ground.

Resolution - The Council accept with thanks the generous offer of Mr. Bullappa not only to give the land measuring 200' X 900' for a burial ground for Lingayets but also to provide the necessary facilities for the use of the land as a burial ground

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The necessary permission will be granted as the Health Officer reports that the land is eminently fitted for such use.

Sd. K.P. Puttanna Chetty,
Honorary President.

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Honorary President.

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Achyuta Rao and others
of Chamarajpet

To

Bangalore City

Messrs. V Nagaraja Rao
E Rama Rao and others
of Chamarajpet

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Mr. Syed Abdur Rahman
and other Mahomedan
residents of the . . .

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Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your petition ~~dated~~ regarding the opening of a burial ground for the Veerasaiva Community in Chamarajpet and to state that it has been forwarded to the ~~President~~ of ~~the~~ Bangalore City Ml Council. I am to request ~~further~~ that any further ~~detailed~~ representation you may have to make ~~be made~~ ~~[illegible] Council~~ President of the Council may be submitted to the ~~to~~ in the first instance ~~the Ml Council~~

No. 1888 Dt 12 11 1915
No. 2445 Dt 7 1 1915
No. 27 Ms 1785 Dt Jan 16

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SUBJECT Petitions about the new Lingayat burial ground in the Bangalore C.A.

Diary No of letter replied to 2966

Section Muncl
File No 33 15
Serial No 79

General and Revenue Secretariat
(Muncl.)
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No 5939
ML 33-15-79
d 14.2.16

Date of issue 16.2.16

Signed by Mr A.V. Ramanathan

To
the President, Bangalore City Muncl. Council

Sir,

In continuation of this Office letter No. 5683 dated the 4th February 1916 ML 33-15-79 I am directed to forward herewith the marginally noted four papers regarding the new Veerasaiva burial ground on the Mysore Road.

I have &c

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14/2/16 for Rev. Secy

Petition dy 29.1.1916 from the representatives of the Veerasaiva Community with Mr Basava Appa's letter dy 10 2 1916 to the Private Secy to the Dewan

Memo drawn up by Mr Bullappa with signatures of the Mahomedan residents expressing themselves in favour of the burial ground

Petition d 11 2 1916 from Mr Bullappa

Do from the residents of Chamarajpet, New Pensionline [illegible]palya &c.

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SUBJECT Protest against the new Lingayat Burial ground in the Bangalore City

Diary No of letter replied to 3122

Section ML

File No 33-15

Serial No ~~Copy~~ 91 91

General and Revenue Secretariat
(Muni,)
B, *the* 26 2 1916

No 6596
ML 33 15-91
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Date of issue 9 3 16

Signed by M A V. Ramanathan

To The President, Bangalore City Muni. Council

Sir,

In Continuation of this Office letter No 5939 / ML 33-15-79 dated the 14th Feby 1916, I am directed forward herewith petition Regd No 3122 without date from Certain Mahomedan residents of City stating that a few da ago messrs Bukkappa and

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Basappa went to them with a petition and obtained their signatures to it representing to them that it related to some religious dispute between Brahmins and Lingayats and that subsequently they came to know that it referred to a new burial ground proposed to be opened by Sri Bellappa and praying that their signatures to that petition may be considered as ~~having been~~ withdrawn and that as the proposed burial ground is against their religion the same may be closed.

I have &c

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OFFICE OF THE PRIVATE SECRETARY
TO HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE,
Mysore, 27th March 1916

Petition as shown below, to His Highness the Maharaja is transferred to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore General Department, Bangalore, for disposal

No 843 of 15-16

By Order,

~~ECS~~,

For Ag *Private Secretary*
to H H the Maharaja of Mysore

GBPM—500—14-4-1914

Re Lingayat Burial ground on the Mysore road in the Bangalore City

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File No 33-15

Serial No 104

Diary No of letter replied to 3564

No. 7811 / ML 33-15-104
8/18.4.16

General and Revenue Secretariat
(Muni. C.)
B, *the* 31. 3. *1916*

To

The President, Bangalore City
Muni. Council.

Date of issue 18.4.16

Signed by Mr A. V. Ramanathan

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter No 6596/ML 33-15-91 dated the 8th March 1916, I am directed to forward herewith petition Regd. No. 3564 dated the 23rd March 1916 from the Mahomedan residents of the City to the address of H. H. the Maharaja protesting against the opening of

SUBJECT

of the new Kesrapura burial ground on the Mysore Road.

2) I am to request you to be so good as to expedite the disposal of the matter by the Muncl. Council of and intimate the action taken, [illegible] as requested in their letter No 5683 of 4-2-16

~~Ago~~

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No 356 OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

Bangalore City, dated 26th May 1916

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From

DEWAN BAHADUR RAJA SABHA BHUSHANA
K P PUTTANNA CHETTY, ESQ,
Honorary President, Municipal Council,
Bangalore City

To

The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
[illegible] Revenue Departments, Bangalore

SIR,

With reference to the marginally noted communications and reminders from Government, forwarding certain petitions - some of them protesting against the opening of a burial ground adjoining the ~~new~~ Mahomedan burial ground along the Mysore Road for the use of the Veera Saiva Community and the others praying for the continuance thereof - for such action as the Municipal Council may deem fit, I have the honor to state that the subject was placed before a Special Meeting of the Municipal Council held on the 16th May 1916 20 Councillors were present and almost all of them possessed first-hand information on the subject having often visited the locality and the neighbouring

1. D.O. No. 3586 dated 6-12-1915.
2. No. 4160/Ml 33-15-42 dated 9-12-15.
3. D.O. No. 5531 dated 31-1-1916.
4. No.5939/Ml.33-15-79 dated 14-2-16
5 No.6596/Ml.33-15-91 dated 8-3-16.
6. No 7811/Ml.33-15 dated 1-4-16.
7 No. 5683/Ml 33-15-70 dated 4-2-16.
8. No. 8103/L.R.362-15-4 " 19-2-16
9. No. 7304 dated 29-3-1916.
10. No. 9573/Ml 362-15 dated 10-4-16.

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From

To

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neighbouring residential parts of the City. The question was discussed at great length with special reference to the several points adduced in the various petitions. The trend of discussion seemed to suggest that neither the residents of Chamarajpet nor the Mahomedan Community had good grounds for objecting to the opening of the burial ground As however it seemed desirable to make some concessions, in deference to the views of the objecting parties, the Municipal Council took a broader view of the matter and resolved that the burials be confined to the rear of the ground, that a high wall be put up dividing the Mussalman and Lingayet burial grounds and shutting out the view from the Mysore Road and that a separate new road should be opened to the burial ground from the Agrahara tank bund road. Under this arrangement, a strip of 500 feet of land will be left between the area of the d actual burial ground and the public road.

2 A copy of the Council's proceedings and copies of Endorsements issued in answer to the several petitions are herein enclosed for the information of Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir, 30
Your most obedient servant,

Honorary President

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No 2182

Office of the Municipal Council,
Bangalore City, dated the 26th May 1916
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Enc to Mul 33-15-116

ENDORSEMENT

Referring to their petition dated the 7th January 1916 objecting to the opening of the new Veera Saiva Burial Ground on the Mysore Road, addressed to the Dewan Sahib, received in this Office for disposal with the Revenue Secretary's letter No. 5683/Ml 33-15-70 dated the 4th February 1916, Messrs C Nagaraja Rao, A Subba Rao and others, are informed that the subject was placed before the Municipal Council at a special meeting held on the 16th May 1916 and the following resolutions were passed, viz -

(a) That the burials in the new Lingayet Burial Ground should commence from the North and be restricted to the ridge running from East to West of the area,

(b) That a separate approach road be opened from the Agrahara tank bund road to the burial ground, and

(c) That a wall 8 feet high be erected along the entire breadth of the site over the top of the ridge and also another wall separating the Mahomadan and the Lingayet Burial Grounds

Sd/- K P Puttanna Chetty

Honorary President

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K P Puttannachetty

Honorary President

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No 2183

Office of the Municipal Council,
Bangalore City, dated 26th May 1916

Enc to Misl 33-15-114

ENDORSEMENT

Referring to their petition dated the 20th November 1915 addressed to the Dewan Sahib, complaining against the opening of a new Veera Saiva Burial Ground on the Mysore Road, received in this Office for disposal with the Revenue Secretary' letter No 5683/Ml 33-15-70 dated the 4th February 1916, Messrs E Rama Rao, Ramachandra Rao and other residents of Chamarajpet are informed that the question was placed before the Municipal Council at a Special Meeting held on the 16th May 1916 and the following resolutions were passed, Viz

1 That the burials in the new Lingayet Burial Ground should commence from the North and be restricted to the ridge running from East to West of the area,

2 That a separate approach Road be opened from the Agrahara Tank Bund Road to the Burial Ground, and

3 That a wall 8 feet high be erected along the entire breadth of the site over the top of the ridge and also another wall separating the Mahomadan and the Lingayet burial grounds

Sd/- K P Puttanna Chetty,

Honorary President

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K P Puttannachetty
Honorary President

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Office of the Municipal Council,

No 2186 Bangalore City, dated 26th May 1916

ENDORSEMENT.

Pre to Mul 33-15-114

Referring to their Memorial dated 23rd March 1916 addressed to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, protesting against the opening of a new Veera Saiva Burial Ground on the Mysore Road, received in this Office for disposal with the Revenue Secretary's letter No 7811/Ml 33-15 dated 1st April 1916, Messrs Bakshi Md Ali Khan, Mahomed Obedulla and others are informed that the Municipal Council, after a thorough discussion of the subject at their Special Meeting held on the 16th May 1916, concluded that no inconvenience was caused to any community and there was no reason to close the new burial ground altogether Having regard however to the sentiments of the petitioners, certain restrictions have been imposed by the Council in regard to the use of the ground for purposes of burials so as to satisfy the objections of the petitioners Copies of the Council's resolutions are appended for information

Sd/- K P Puttanna Chetty,

Honorary President

Resolutions.-

1 That the burials in the new Lingayet Burial Ground should commence from the North and be restricted to the ridge running from East to West of the area,

2. That a separate approach road be opened from the Agrahara tank bund road to the burial ground, and

3. That a wall, 8 feet high, be erected along the entire breadth of the site over the top of the ridge and also another wall separating the Mahomedan and the Lingayet burial grounds

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K P Puttannachetty

Honorary President

No 2187

Office of the Municipal Council,
Bangalore City, dated 26th May 1916

ENDORSEMENT

Eng to Ard 33-15-1/4

Referring to his Memorial dated 11th February 1916 addressed to the Dewan Sahib, praying for the confirmation of the Veera Saiva Burial ground newly licensed by the Municipal Council, on the land donated by him for that purpose, received in this Office, for disposal, with the Revenue Secretary's letter No. 5939/Ml 33-15-79 dated the 14th February 1916, Mr. Bullappa is informed that the question was discussed at a Special Meeting of the Municipal Council held on the 16th May 1916 and the following resolutions were passed, viz

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(c) That a wall, 8 feet high, be erected along the entire breadth of the site over the top of the ridge and also another wall separating the Mahomedan and the Lingayet burial grounds

2 Mr Bullappa is requested to attend the Municipal Office within one week after receipt of this Endorsement and execute an agreement ~~on a stamp paper~~ agreeing to complete the works enjoined by the Municipal Council, within a specific period

3 Pending completion of the said works and the receipt of sanction of Government to the alienation of the land, no burials should be permitted in the area specified in the Municipal Notification No 930 dated 8th October 1915

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Sd/- K P Puttanna Chetty,
Honorary President

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No 2188

Office of the Municipal Council,
Bangalore City, dated 26th May 1916.

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Referring to their Memorial dated 25th January 1916 addressed to the Dewan Sahib, protesting against the opening of a new Veera Saiva Burial Ground on the Mysore Road, received in this Office for disposal with the Revenue Secretary's letter No. 5683/Ml 33-15-70 dated 4th February 1916, Messrs. Syed Abdur Rahman and others are informed that the Municipal Council, after a thorough discussion of the subject at their Special Meeting held on the 16th May 1916, concluded that no inconvenience was caused to any community and there was no reason to close the new burial ground altogether Having regard, however, to the sentiments of the petitioners, certain restrictions have been imposed by the Council in regard to the use of the ground for purposes of burials so as to satisfy the objections of the petitioners Copies of the Council's resolutions are appended for information

Sd/- K P Puttanna Chetty,
Honorary President

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Honorary President

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Sd/- K P. Puttanna Chetty,
Honorary President

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K P Puttanna Chetty
Honorary President

BANGALORE CITY MUNICIPALITY.

No XIV

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Proceedings of A Special General Meeting of the City Municipal Council, Bangalore, held in the Municipal Council Chamber at 7-30 A M on Tuesday the 16th May 1916

Present

Dewan Bahadur Rajasabha Bhushana K.P Puttanna Chetty, Esq
R Subba Rao, Esq , M B.,C M
F Fernandez, Esq ,
C V Narasimhiengar, Esq, B A ,B L
D B Ramachandra Mudaliar, Esquire.
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1 Revenue Secretary's letter No 5683/M1 33-15-70 dated 4th February 1916, forwarding for disposal petitions from certain residents of Chamarajendrapet and others, protesting against the opening of a Lingayet burial ground on the Mysore Raod Also subsequent communications on the same subject

2 Revenue Secretary's letter No 7508/L R 362-15-3 dated 2-2-1916, forwarding copy of Revenue Commissioner's communication

communication pointing out that the appropriation of assessed land for non-agricultural purposes without the sanction of the Deputy Commissioner was irregular &c

Before the commencement of discussion, the Honorary President made the following statement -

The need for opening a new burial ground for the Veera Saiva Community of this City has been felt for sometime as the one near the Lal-bagh, known as Kondal Mutt is fully used up for burials

2 In May 1915, the members of the Veera Saiva Community of the City submitted a petition to the Municipality complaining of the want of space in the Kondal Mutt for further burials and praying for permission to use the piece of land adjoining the Mahomedan Burial Ground, North of the Mysore Road as a burial ground for their community

3. Mr. Bullappa to whom the land belonged, offered to make over a strip of land 200' by 900' as a free gift to the Municipality The Health Officer and the Municipal Councillors of the Chamarajpet Division, after inspection of the place saw no objection to the land being converted into a burial ground The question was then placed before the Municipal Council in July 1915 and the acceptance of the gift for the purpose of its being converted into a burial ground was unanimously approved by the Council At this stage the fact of the land having been Survey numbers assessed to Land Revenue and under the administration of the Revenue Department was over looked In October 1915, the Council's resolution was given effect to and a notification declaring the conversion of the land into a burial ground for the Veera Saiva Community was published in the Mysore Gazette and in the Local Papers.

4 Subsequently on receipt of a petition from certain residents of Chamarajpet protesting against the use of the land as a burial ground, Government in November 1915, called for a report with a sketch shewing the situation of the ground in question

5 The Chief points dealt with in the petition were -

(i) that a good piece of land suitable for building purposes was wasted on a burial ground,

(ii) that it was opposed to sanitary requirements,

(iii) that it was also objectionable on the ground of sentiment both to the residents of Chamarajpet and the passers-by along the Mysore Road

As regards these objections-

(1) As the land was bounded on two sides by burial grounds there was not much probability of the site being utilized for house building or for the formation of an extension,

(2) The Municipal Council did not think that any sanitary objection could be urged and the petitioners were also studiously reticent as to how exactly the measure was objectionable from a sanitary point of view

(3) In regard to the sentimental objections of proximity and visibility etc , there was perhaps some ground for complaint and it was proposed to remedy this by the following measures -

(a) Building a compound wall along the southern boundary of the burial ground leaving a road margin of 35 feet

(b) Building another high wall along the entire breadth of the site and a verandah and watchman's quarters and placing them 200 feet to the rear of the compound wall on the road side

(c) Laying out a garden to the full width of the 200 ft and permitting no burials here

(d) Planting belts of trees to screen the entire area from public view

An agreement was also taken from Mr Bullappa to complete these works at a very early date and to start burials from the northernmost end As there was a natural ridge in the middle of the site running East to West, it was believed that the burials going on at the rear end of the site would not be visible to the road side or to Chamarajpet. The report called for by Government was drafted on the above lines and submitted in December 1915

6 In the same month, a telegram was received from the same residents of Chamarajpet praying for the issue of an order prohibiting further burials in the ground It was impossible to issue an order overruling the Council's resolution and a rely was accordingly given

7 On the 4th February 1916 the Secretary to Government in the Revenue Department forwarded to this Office for such action as the Municipal Council may see fit three petitions - two from certain Hindu residents of Chamarajpet and one from certain Mahomedans of the Bangalore City - taking objection to the opening of the new burial ground under reference Again on the 14th February 1916 the same officer sent another batch of four petitions, received from Mr Bullappa and other representatives of the Veera Saiva Community all in favour of the continuance of the newly opened burial ground

8 Some of these petitions perhaps are not in good taste But errors in this direction should not blind us to the existence of genuine grievances, if any, and, at any stage, it is open to us to reconsider our resolution if it is clearly established to our satisfaction that such resolution requires amendment It is unnecessary for me to say

that

that neither the Municipal Council, nor the Municipal Executive nor the promoters of the scheme apprehended for a moment that it would put any section of the Community to any hardship or inconvenience. It would perhaps have been as well if we had called for objections from the public before passing final orders as we do in the case of bye-laws We might decide that this course should be pursued in future

8 The following courses are open to the Council -

(1) To confirm our original resolution, or

(2) To modify it to a degree which will minimize the sentimental objections ugged by one community and religious scruples urged by another, or

(3) To rescind the license and prohibit further burials

I trust you will discuss the matter in a calm and dispassionate spirit and arrive at a settlement which will commend itself to the disinterested public as a reasonable solution of the question, having regard to all the facts of the case and the sentiments of the parties concerned

9 The question was exhaustively discussed for 3½ hours and the following resolutions were adopted.-

Moved by Mr D Venkataramayya -

(1) "While confirming their resolution of 31st July 1915 "the Municipal Council resolve that the burials in the new "Lingayet Burial ground should commenc~~ing~~e from the North end and be res-"tricted to the ridge running from East to West of the area "

Seconded by Mr. B K Garuda Char

Resolution -- The proposition was put to the vote and passed (Votes for 17, against - nil)

Moved by Mr. C.V Narasimhiengar -

(2) "That a separate approach road be opened from the "Agrahara tank bund road to the burial ground"

Seconded by Mr. B.V. Ramaswami Chetty

Resolution.-- The amendment was put to the vote and lost by 9 against 10 The original propostition of Mr C.V Narasimhiengar was then put to the vote and carried by a majority of 10 against 9

Moved by Mr B Usman Khan Sahib.-

(3) "That a wall 8 feet high be erected along the entire "Breadth of the site over the top of the ridge and also an-"other wall separating the Mahomedan and the Lingayet burial "grounds

Seconded by Mr. Surappa

Resolution - Carried unanimously -

(4) On the 2nd proposition on the agenda the Municipal Council resolved "that a recommendation be made to Government requesting that the irregularity noted by the Revenue Commissioner may be condoned and Government requested to alienate the land for the burial ground"

Sd/- K P Puttanna Chetty,
Honorary President

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To

Dewan Bahadur, Rajasabhabhushana
K. P. Puttanna Chetty, Esq.,
President, Bangalore City
Municipal Council.

My dear Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter No 356 dated 26th May 1916 on the subject of using the proposed site in Chamarajpet extension as a burial ground by the Lingayet Community, I am directed to bring to your notice that the site in question appears to Government to be unsuited for purposes of burial in view of its close proximity to the old Mahomedan cemetery and to residential quarters and sites allotted for building purposes. Besides, The conciliatory steps taken by the Municipal Council do not ~~also~~ seem to afford satisfaction to a section of the Mahomedans, who were ~~are~~ from the beginning opposed to the opening of a new burial ground in that locality It is also believed ~~understood~~ that the members of the Lingayet community do not appreciate the measure of concession proposed to be shewn to them in view of ~~having regard to~~ the restrictions now ~~sought to be~~ imposed ~~at the same time~~ on them In

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these circumstances I am to suggest the desirability of selecting a more suitable site for the purpose and to request you to kindly favor Govt. as early as practicable with a fresh proposal ~~that is~~ calculated to obviate reasonable objections from all quarters and to meet the wishes of the parties interested.

It is presumed that you have already taken action to prevent fresh burials on the site in question pending the final orders of Government.

Yours sincerely,

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Offg. Revenue Secretary

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